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## RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a response to the First Action dated 20 May 2003. The response is provided in revised format with Introductory Comments, Claim Amendments, and Remarks occurring on a separate page. Also enclosed are a statement of small entity status and a request for extension of time.